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Man Minus Ear Waives Hearing

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It was a familiar Thursday morning at work when something life changing happened to Harold Smith. His ear was cut off. Smith was working at a construction site on the corner of 5th Ave. when he fell off a ladder and a piece of sheet metal cut his ear off!

"It was all a blur. All I remember is slipping then hearing everyone around me calling my name." says Smith. "The next thing I remember is waking up in the hospital without an ear."

Smith fell off the ladder and hit his head on the ground. "Even though he was wearing his hard hat, it looked like he hit the ground pretty hard." adds Timothy John, Smith's fellow co-worker.

After such a horrible accident, Smith and his family decided to sue Workers Plus, the construction company he works for. It was a long process, first off Smith had to recover from surgery, and second he had to get a court date.

After a couple of months of waiting for his trial, Smith decided to waive the hearing. "It wasn't worth it" says Jennifer, Smith's wife. "Just knowing that he is doing well and doesn't have to work at that construction site again is enough."



Harold's trial



Harold and his wife Jennifer

Smith is now recovered from his accident and is currently looking for a new job. Workers Plus is now under investigation to see if their site is well maintained and up to safety regulations.

"I just hope no one else at the company has to go through what I did. It is awful experience and I now how to live without one ear." Smith says.